



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held November 25, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Approximately 19% of the total population in Los Angeles County are aged and/or disabled. Most of these citizens rely on other people or special equipment, such as the Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD), for assistance. Moreover, these citizens may be unable to respond to emergency situations, such as evacuations during a fire, without special assistance due to their disability.

“If law enforcement had a system of identifying disabled citizens, adequate assistance and/or resources may be provided, such as TDD for those who would otherwise not respond to a door knock.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Chief Administrative Officer's Office of Emergency Management, in consultation with the Sheriff and the Fire Chief, was instructed to work with the Commission on Disabilities and the Director of Community and Senior Services and Public Social Services to study the feasibility of implementing a voluntary registration system for disabled citizens, and report back to the Board within 60 days.

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